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SUBJECT: MORNING SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT REPORTS

1. ICELAND MOVES ON IDF AND RELATIONS WITH BRITISH

A. ICELAND'S FOREIGN MINISTER TO VISIT WASHINGTON

FOREIGN MINISTER AGUSTSSON WILL VISIT WASHINGTON OCTOBER 3-4 FOR TALKS ON THE IDF RETENTION ISSUE. THE FOREIGN MINISTER SAID THAT HE WOULD HAVE TO TALK NUMBERS AND TO RETURN TO ICELAND WITH A FEELING OF ACCOMPLISHMENT OR WE MIGHT FIND AN UNCOMPROMISING SITUATION FACING US IN SUBSEQUENT TALKS. (CONFIDENTIAL) REYKJAVIK 1129, 9/24.

B. RELATIONS WITH BRITISH NEAR RUPTURE

THE GOI CABINET HAS REJECTED A BRITISH PROPOSAL
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FOR INTERNATIONAL ARBITRATION OF THE COLLISION INCIDENTS WHICH OCCURRED SEPTEMBER 22. THE

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ICELANDIC MARITIME COURT MEETS SEPTEMBER 25 AND
WILL ESTABLISH THE BLAME FOR THE COLLISION. IF
THE BLAME RESTS WITH THE BRITISH, DIPLOMATIC
RELATIONS WILL BE SEVERED. (UNCLASSIFIED)
REYKJAVIK 1125, 9/24.

2. EC NINE AMBASSADORS MEET IN WASHINGTON

THE DEPARTMENT HAS LEARNED THAT AMBASSADORS FROM
THE EC NINE MET IN WASHINGTON SEPTEMBER 20 AND
CONCLUDED THAT IMPROVEMENTS IN THE US TRADE AND PAYMENTS
SITUATION, AND THE IMPROVED DOMESTIC POLITICAL POSITION
OF THE PRESIDENT, MAY HAVE LED PRESIDENT NIXON TO
POSTPONE HIS TRIP TO EUROPE. (CONFIDENTIAL)
MEMORANDUM BY E.J. BEIGEL, EUR/WE, 9/21.

3. CHILE REQUESTS AGREMENT FOR GENERAL HEITMANN

ON SEPTEMBER 24 THE CHILEAN GOVERNMENT REQUESTED
AMBASSADOR DAVIS TO OBTAIN AGREMENT FOR THE APPOINTMENT
OF RETIRED FACH GENERAL HEITMANN AS AMBASSADOR TO THE
US. THE EMBASSY HAS FOUND NO GROUNDS FOR OBJECTING TO
THE HEITMANN APPOINTMENT. THE GOC IS ANXIOUS TO HAVE
HEITMANN TAKE OVER AS AMBASSADOR IN WASHINGTON AS SOON
AS POSSIBLE. (SECRET) SANTIAGO 4559, 9/24 (EXDIS)

4. YUGOSLAVIA WORKS TO LEGITIMIZE PRG

PRG PRESIDENT THO AND FOREIGN MINISTER BINH COMPLETED
A FIVE-DAY STATE VISIT TO YUGOSLAVIA SEPTEMBER 21.
EMBASSY BELGRADE COMMENTS THAT THE ELABORATE, FULL
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SCALE RECEPTION SERVED AS A FOLLOW-UP TO TITO'S EFFORTS
AT ALGIERS TO LEGITIMIZE THE PRG AS A MEMBER IN GOOD
STANDING OF THE NON-ALIGNED WORLD. (LIMITED OFFICIAL
USE) BELGRADE 4270, 9/24.

5. LIBYAN OIL: STAND-OFF CONTINUES

ON SEPTEMBER 22 A GOVERNMENT OIL OFFICIAL PROPOSED A
PLAN TO KEEP THE OIL FLOWING WHILE BOTH SIDES LOOK FOR
A MUTUALLY ACCEPTABLE BASIS FOR CONTINUED OPERATION OF
THE MAJORS. THIS IS PROBABLY THE RESULT OF LARG
DISAPPOINTMENT WITH PRODUCTION IN OASIS' FIELDS.
FLEXIBILITY, HOWEVER, IS LIMITED BY THE CLEAR LIBYAN

PRECONDITION THAT THE COMPANIES NEGOTIATE WITH THE
KNOWLEDGE THAT NO DEAL BETTER THAN OASIS' IS POSSIBLE.
(CONFIDENTIAL) TRIPOLI 1233, 9/24. RUSH

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